

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 16, 17 and 20 and cancel claims 2-5, 8-15 and 18-19 as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~A method for preventing delivery of calls to~~ In a wireless communication system including a mobile unit that is roaming having roamed from an originating system to a serving system, the originating system including an originating mobile switching center (MSC) and the serving system including a serving MSC, ~~a~~ the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the serving system from the originating system responsive to registering the mobile unit with the serving MSC, the registration including a termination restriction code parameter indicating whether Roamer Access Number (RAN) calls may be terminated at the mobile unit; and

receiving, by the serving MSC sometime after receiving the termination restriction code parameter, a RAN call request for the mobile unit; and

determining, by the serving MSC based on the termination restriction code parameter without requiring further message exchange with the originating system, whether to terminate the RAN call request to the mobile unit, the serving MSC denying termination of a the RAN call request to the mobile unit while roaming at the serving MSC when if the termination restriction code parameter indicates that the mobile unit is not permitted to terminate RAN calls while roaming at the serving MSC.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining comprises ~~A method for restricting a call termination for a roaming mobile unit in communication with a serving mobile switching center (MSC), the method comprising:~~

~~receiving at the serving MSC a call request for the roaming mobile unit;~~

~~determining if the call request has been received for a roamer port on the serving MSC;~~

if the call request was received via a roamer port on the serving MSC, terminating the call request to the mobile unit if the termination restriction code parameter indicates that the mobile unit is permitted to terminate calls while roaming at the serving MSC ~~determining if the roaming mobile unit has a service profile stored at the serving MSC;~~

~~if the roaming mobile unit has a service profile at the serving MSC, retrieving a termination restriction code associated with the roaming mobile unit; and~~

~~if the termination restriction code is set to allow roamer port access calls, terminating the call request at the roaming mobile unit.~~

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, A method for restricting call terminations for a roaming mobile unit in accordance with claim 6, wherein the step of receiving a RAN call request for the roaming mobile unit comprises the step of receiving a call request for a prepaid call.

Claims 8-15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended) A mobile switching center comprising:

means for receiving responsive to registering a roaming mobile unit with the mobile switching center, a termination restriction code parameter indicating whether Roamer Access Number (RAN) calls may be terminated at the mobile unit;

means for receiving a Roamer Access Number (RAN) call request for a the roaming mobile unit registered with the mobile switching center;

means for determining if the RAN call request has been received for a roamer port on the mobile switching center;

~~means for determining if the roaming mobile unit has a service profile stored at the mobile switching center if the call request was received for a roamer port on the mobile switching center;~~

~~means for retrieving a termination restriction code associated with the roaming mobile unit if the roaming mobile unit has a service profile at the mobile switching center; and~~

means for terminating the call request at the roaming mobile unit if the call request was received via a roamer port on the mobile switching center and if the termination restriction code is set to allow roamer port access calls.

17. (currently amended) A mobile switching center in accordance with claim 16, wherein the means for receiving a RAN call request ~~for the roaming mobile unit~~ comprises means for receiving a call request for a prepaid call.

Claims 18-19 (canceled).

20. (currently amended) A mobile switching center in accordance with claim 16, further comprising means for denying termination of the call request if the termination restriction code is not set to allow roamer port access calls.